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REVIEW OF BPL GUIDELINES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to review/change the existing policy guidelines for Below Poverty Line people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time-limit to start the work relating to identification of BPL families/people living in different parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development constituted an Expert Group to advise the Ministry on the methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for 11th Five Year Plan in August, 2008. The Expert Group finalized the report and submitted the same to the Ministry in August, 2009. The report of the Expert Group has been circulated among the States/UTs and the concerned Central Ministries for their comments and has also been posted on the Ministry`s website at www.rural.nic.in. The Ministry is in the process of finalizing the methodology for identification of people living below the Poverty Line in rural areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh, taking into account the suggestion/comments States/UTs and Central Ministries.